

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 23, 2004. Claims 1-11 are presented for examination. Claims 2, 3 and 7-11 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, and in particular to address the objection to Claim 7 and the formal rejections of Claims 2-11 (discussed below). Claims 1, 2, 8 and 11 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The title has been amended to make it more descriptive, as required in the Office Action.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claim 1.

An Information Disclosure Statement with a corresponding Form PTO-1449 was filed on November 1, 2000, as confirmed by the PAIR system (see attached print-out). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449, indicating the reference cited thereon was considered.

Claims 2-11 were rejected solely under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

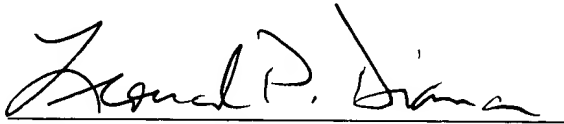
The claims have been carefully reviewed and amended as deemed necessary to ensure that they conform fully to the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph, with special attention to the point raised in paragraph 4 of the Office Action. Specifically, Claims 2, 8 and 11 have has been amended to clarify that the second decoding method is one that is necessary for the recited type of rendering. It is believed that the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, has been obviated, and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

Since the foregoing is believed to obviate all the objections and rejections entered in the outstanding Office Action, it is believed that Claims 1-11 are all in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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